

El Rancho Verde MAC Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 13, 2005

Council Members Present:

Robb Bourland Joe Ayala
Lacy Kendall

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Chairman Bourland motioned to amend the minutes of the previous meeting to clarify that the cost of the median revocation in Council Member Ayala's report is an estimate and not a definitive figure. The motion was seconded and all were in favor. The minutes were accepted as amended.

Detective Frank Root – Sheriff's Dept.

Detective Root presented a handout of the crime statistics for the North Rialto area. *Please see attached documents for statistical information.*

Detective Root fielded questions regarding the possible contracting of law enforcement duties to the Sheriff's Department for the City of Rialto. Detective Root suggested that the shift to the Sheriff's Dept. would be beneficial to the unincorporated areas because it would create a uniformity of service throughout the greater Rialto area. If the Sheriff's Department does agree to service the City it anticipates utilizing the following personnel: a single captain, two lieutenants, 14-15 sergeants, 79 officers and 8-10 detectives.

Traffic duties in the unincorporated areas would remain under the jurisdiction of the California Highway Patrol.

Lisha Smith – Field Representative

Ms. Smith introduced herself as the new field representative for the City of Rialto and the unincorporated areas in the Rialto area. She announced that Supervisor Gonzales has allocated \$350,000 for the initial improvement project of the Riverside Avenue median along the north side of the street.

Subcommittee Reports

Council Member Ayala – Median Issue

Council Member Ayala presented a proposal from the County Special Districts office outlining the steps necessary to form a special district. In the proposal Deputy Chief Jeff Rigney suggested the following 10 steps:

1. MAC appoints a sub-committee to work on this project.
2. Sub-committee decides upon 2 or 3 ideas for improvements (copy City of Rialto, Xerascap, etc.). Sub-committee also determines exact boundaries for the proposed district.
3. Meet with Landscape Architect to talk about ideas.
4. Landscape Architect develops proposal(s) based on meeting with sub-committee. Proposals to include drawings and costs.
5. Based on the proposal, Special Districts determines amount of annual special tax.

6. Subcommittee presents proposal (or proposals if more than one) to the MAC. MAC recommends proposal and request that a survey be conducted of all property owners in the proposed district boundaries to determine if they are in favor of the proposal, the formation of the district and the special tax.
7. Special Districts conducts mailed survey. Survey will describe the project and costs. Surveys are returned to Special Districts.
8. Special Districts calculates survey results.
9. Special Districts meets with sub-committee to discuss results.
10. Sub-committee presents results to MAC.

Mr. Rigney also suggested that this process be complete in 6-10 weeks.

Council Member Ayala stated that the projected estimate for the initial improvement project is approximately \$550,000. The estimate includes landscaping the north side median, the installation of turf along Country Club Dr. and the installation of electrical outlets at the main entrances of El Rancho Verde.

The cost per homeowner for the initial project and the continued maintenance will be dependent upon the number of homes included in the special district as well as the type of maintenance required. Currently, the MAC includes all unincorporated areas in the greater Rialto area; however, a special district does not have to include all homeowners in the unincorporated areas.

Points of Inquiry/Clarification

The MAC requested a clarification of the percentage of votes needed to secure the passing of a special district initiative.

The MAC also requested the number of homes located in the unincorporated areas not adjacent to the El Rancho Verde community.

Is the \$350,000 guaranteed for the median project regardless of any changes within the Supervisor's office?

What are some alternative measures available to help reduce the overall costs of the initial improvement project? For example, is it necessary to use a landscape architect? Will the use of non-potable water reduce maintenance fees?

Are renters eligible to vote in a special district election or is it limited to homeowners?

The MAC would like to put together an informational packet to present to residents to accompany the County survey.

Action Items

Chairman Bourland entertained a motion to hand deliver the survey and informational packets to the El Rancho Verde residents and mail the survey to the unincorporated pocket areas. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm to the next MAC meeting scheduled for December 13, 2005

Submitted by: Dan Flores – El Rancho Verde MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565